

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE / WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER (STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)

Creator of light and life, we gather in your presence—
rooted in the earth beneath our feet and breathing the gift
of your Spirit among us. You call us salt for the world and
light for all to see. Shape our worship today so that our praise
gives flavor to hope and our lives shine with your love.
As rivers flow and mountains stand, as seeds grow and stars
hold their place, teach us faithfulness that is lived, justice
that is practiced, and love that is not hidden. Center our hearts,
steady our minds, and open us to your transforming grace,
that in worship and in the world we may reflect your goodness.
We offer ourselves to you, O God—here, now, and always. Amen.

OPENING HYMN (STANDING)

We Are Called -- FWS 2172

PASS THE PEACE (STANDING)

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL READ TOGETHER)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen

A TIME FOR ALL CHILDREN *Children of all ages are
invited up front for a special time together.*

CENTERING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine -- UMH 585

Dismissal for Children's Church

MESSAGE: "Lit (Biblically Speaking)"
Matthew 5:13-20

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY (STANDING)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow -- UMH 94

SENDING HYMN (STANDING)

Here I Am, Lord -- UMH 593

BENEDICTION (STANDING) (ALL READ TOGETHER)

As we go from this place, we go as salt for the earth
and light for the world. Grounded in God's love,
strengthened by this community, and sustained by
the breath of creation, we carry faith into our classrooms,

our conversations, and our care for one another.
May our lives give flavor to justice, shine with
compassion, and reflect the grace we have received.
Go now in peace, to live the gospel with
courage and joy. Amen.

Liturgist

Sara Malo Feb. 8
Dave Maclay-Schulte Feb. 15

Greeters/Offering

Jan Nicholson & Ben Longbottom Feb. 8
Deb Sawyer & Wayne Martinson Feb. 15

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

**Bible Study – Wednesday -- 10:00 am in the
After School Room. All are welcome.**

Chili Feed Today hosted by the UWFaith after worship.

Bowls of chili will be served during coffee hour.
Additionally, quart containers may be purchased for
\$10/quart with the funds collected to be dedicated
towards the purchase of a building water softener.

Fellowship Time After Worship: There are opportunities to
host or assist with the hosting of Fellowship Time through April.
Dates available are – March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 12.
There is a link that can be used to sign up – see the Weekly
Blast for that link.

The following dates are filled: Feb. 15 (UWF), March 1 (Spiess),
March 15 and April 19 (Persavich).

February 14 – several events:

- **UMM – 8:30am breakfast served.**
- **SELC is hosting a dance in the fellowship hall for all
families with children ages 0-12 years old from
3:00-5:00pm – photo booth, kids music, dancing.**
- **Valentines Movie Night – 7:00pm – see below for details.**

**Valentines Movie Night – February 14, 7:00pm, in the
Fellowship Hall.** Watch romantic movie, public is invited with free
will offering. Chocolate/fig/date-themed snacks and desserts will be
sold at intermission. Volunteers are needed – set up the Hall,
technology needs, donation intermission items. Reach out to Bob Edgar.

Glad Tider articles are due on the 20th of each month.

Submissions are always welcome prior to the due date.
Please send them to office@steviumc.org

PRAYER CHAIN

Open to all...email requests to steviprayerchain@gmail.com or
call the church office and your request will be relayed to the prayer
chain coordinator. *Please note:* the office is not staffed daily so t
here may be a delay in forwarding to the prayer chain.

STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday from 9am – Noon.

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**We honor the original inhabitants of this area and
will continue to steward this land for the creator.**

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Wide Cottonwoods